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DECEMBER 31, 2023 | THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Remember us, O God;
From age to age,
be our comforter.

You have given us the
wonder of time,
blessings in
days and nights,
seasons and years.

Bless your children at
the turning of the year
and fill the months
ahead with the bright
hope that is ours in the
coming of Christ.

You are our God,
living and reigning,
forever and ever.

Amen.



THE HOLY FAMILY

The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom;
and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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MASS SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASS

Sat. Vigil: 4pm

Sun.: 7am, 8:30am, 10:30am, 5pm

DAILY MASS

Mon.-Sat.: 8:15am

Tues.: 6:00pm

Fri.: 6:30am

CONFESSIONS

Tues.: 5:00-5:45pm

Thurs.: 7:00-8:00pm

Sat.: 2:30-3:30pm

ROSARY

Sun.: 4:15pm (Family Holy Rosary)

Tue.: 9:15am (Rosario en Español)
5:15pm (Rosary for our Youth)

Thu.: 6:30pm (Rosary for Life)

OFFICE HOURS

PARISH OFFICE

Sunday & Monday: Closed

Tues.-Fri.: 9:00-11:30am

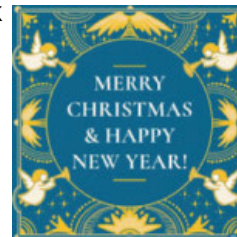
Mon.-Thurs.: 1:00-5:00pm

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weekend.



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Prayer partners are also wanted for any hour. They are especially needed each day from midnight-6am.

"The lives of the saints and blessed show us the importance of the Eucharist on our journey as disciples of Jesus."

- The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church (51)

Become a prayer partner!

Help each other on your journey to become saints!



MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 31

7:00 am † Fr. Scott Sperry
8:30 am Parishioners
10:30 am † Orfelinda Garza
5:00 pm † Jessie J. Doering

Monday, January 1

Mary, the Holy Mother of God
8:15 am † Heliodoro Salvosa

Tuesday, January 2

St. Basil the Great,
St. Gregory Nazianzen
8:15 am Living & deceased
members of the
Virglio, Terisita, &
Henry Vergara
Family
6:00 pm † Rolando Celestino
Geroa

Wednesday, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus
8:15 am † John Twarog

Thursday, January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
8:15 am † Bishop David
McConnel

Friday, January 5

St. John Neumann
6:30 am Marta Borowski
8:15 am † Mary Yeager

Saturday, January 6

St. André Bessette
8:15 am † Dorothy Murray
O'Donnell
4:00 pm Paul Negri

Sunday, January 7

7:00 am Living & deceased
members of the
Cavallero Family
8:30 am Parishioners
10:30 am † Ray Yeager
5:00 pm † Mark McNeil

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS DECEMBER 17, 2023

TITHING

Weekly Total	\$33,265.47
Weekly Budget	\$29,439.00
Weekly Surplus.....	\$3,826.47
Fiscal Year-to-date Total	\$772,814.17
Fiscal Year-to-date Budget.....	\$714,492.00
Fiscal Year-to-date Surplus.....	\$58,322.17

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Miscellaneous.....	\$445.00
Building Fund Collection.....	\$987.35
Building Fund Balance	\$41,236.71

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BUILDING FUND

Our mission to evangelize is always foremost in our work at the parish, and we couldn't do it without your generous financial support to our Sunday Offertory!

Additionally, we are always looking to improve our buildings and grounds. You can help us by also contributing to our Building Fund! Here are some projects we are planning for in the near future:

- Various painting projects
- Fire Alarm System (Original system from 1988, very much in need of replacing)
- Burglar alarm and security/surveillance systems
- Flooring (primarily, carpet needs to be replaced in the church and classrooms)
- Pew upholstery replacement
- Re-foaming our roofs
- Classroom renovations
- HVAC (air-conditioning) replacements (we have 34 total units; on average, 2-3 per year need replacing)
- And more!



Our parish has a strong financial foundation because of the generosity of our parishioners! Thank you for your continued support!

OFFERING A MASS INTENTION

Requesting a Mass Intention is available online at <https://www.osvhub.com/corpus-christi-cath-church/forms/mass-intention>. You may also call or stop by the Parish Office.



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New Year's Feasts

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This week's article is uniquely positioned on the liturgical and secular calendars. Today is the Feast of the Holy Family, while tomorrow we celebrate the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Tomorrow is also the Feast of the Circumcision — the eighth day after Jesus' birth — marked with variable emphasis throughout Church history and other parts of the world. Additionally, tomorrow is New Year's Day and the World Day of Peace, as declared by Pope St. Paul VI in 1968.

One of the many beautiful aspects of our Faith is that all the doctrines and teachings are interconnected, ultimately finding their foundation in one or more persons of the Trinity. None are isolated, including the significance of each of these celebrations. Thus, I will explain how they work together to illuminate the truths of the Faith and the person of Jesus Christ.

Starting with today's celebration of the feast of the Holy Family, the Church directs our attention to the fact that, like each of us, Jesus was born into a family as an infant. This reality emphasizes His humility. For God to take on human flesh is a humbling enough event, but He did so in the most vulnerable ways. He relied on His mother and father for all His necessities and safety. The great and almighty God began His time on Earth utterly dependent on others. Along the same line, while He was God, His human nature had to learn as humans do. He had to learn to walk, to talk, and to work. He also had to learn His Jewish faith, beginning in what we refer to today as the "domestic church." It

was with Mary and Joseph that Jesus learned to read scripture and pray. They would ensure He went to the temple to worship and listen to the rabbis explain the faith. In His home, with His parents, He would celebrate feasts like Passover and learn about sacrificing for atonement. So, on this feast of the Holy Family, our own families are illuminated as domestic churches where we practice our faith with those closest to us, while looking to the Holy Family as an example of how Jesus entered so fully into our human experience.

Tomorrow is the Feast of the Circumcision. It is celebrated as such because it is the eighth day of Christmas — the day on which Jesus was circumcised. We have just established that Jesus first experienced His faith with His family, and this event would have been His earliest known exposure to Jewish customs. As Jesus stated as an adult, "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them," (Matt 5:17). This is our first time we see the Holy Family fulfilling the law with Jesus. Of course, because He is God and free from all sin, Jesus is not bound to the law in the same way we are, but like with His baptism, He follows it as an example to us. Through His circumcision, certain things are revealed. First, this act illustrates the truth of His human nature. Some heretics have argued that Jesus was pure divine spirit and that His body was an illusion, but having His flesh cut at His circumcision renders that belief

false. The Holy Family shows us, by their example, that the law established by God is good and worthy of being followed. We learn the virtue of obedience to the law by knowing that even Jesus and His family were obedient to it.

Similarly, by bearing the burden of the law Himself, He shares the burden with us. "Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." (Gal 6:2). Jesus does not ask us to do anything He hasn't done Himself, and He shares the load with us so that our burden is lighter. The circumcision also established Jesus as a descendent of Abraham, by following the ordinance that was given to him by God to circumcise boys as a sign of setting them apart for God. The uncircumcised were not considered the chosen people, so it would have been very odd for Joseph and Mary to have omitted the ritual. It would have also likely made it even tougher for the Jews to accept Jesus and His teachings if they did not see Him as "one of them." Finally, circumcision is where Jesus sheds His first blood and offers His first suffering for our salvation. The name "Jesus" means savior, and God chose to make our salvation possible through the Son's suffering in reparation for the penalty of our sins. This first act of suffering and shedding of blood foreshadowed the suffering and shedding of blood that would come later with His passion and crucifixion, as Simeon prophesied to Mary, "and a sword will pierce through your own soul also, so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed," Luke 2:35.

Next, we have the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God. As Catholics, we honor Mary appropriately because what is true about her reveals what is true about her Son. Mary is rightfully called the Mother of God because she bore Jesus, who is true God and true man. Jesus, the second person of the Trinity, received His human flesh from His human mother. Without Mary, there would be no Jesus. I cannot think of a more important person in human history, second to Jesus, than Mary. To honor her on this feast is to offer thanksgiving for the greatest gift anyone could have ever given us. It is also fitting for us to honor her because, as we have already established, Mary raised the child, Jesus, provided for all of His basic needs, and taught Him about the truths of the faith at home. Mary, the Mother of God, raised Jesus during the hidden years to emerge as the man entering public ministry. Mary, the Mother of God provided love, tenderness, and support during His entire life, to the bitter end at the foot of His cross, all for our sake. By honoring Mary, we proclaim the truth of who Jesus is.

As I stated earlier, January 1 was also dedicated as World Day of Peace by Pope St. Paul VI. In his first address on this day in 1968, he stated that observing a day of peace ought not change the liturgical calendar, rather the liturgical calendar should shed light on our yearning for peace and from where it comes. Jesus is the Prince of Peace, brought forth from Mary's womb, and the source of all peace. The family, then, is the school of peace. It is where we first experience

irritation, frustration, and even hurt, enabling us to practice patience, perseverance, and most importantly, forgiveness. In the family, wounds and tensions are brought to the surface where they can have an opportunity to heal through bonds of love strengthened by Jesus' wounds of love. In the context of the family, we learn the peace-generating type of love.

This type of love is not a fleeting emotion, but an intense and enduring moral force which seeks the good of others, even at the cost of self-sacrifice... The family is therefore called to become an active agent for peace, through the values which it expresses and transmits within itself, and through the participation of each of its members in the life of society.

- Pope St. John Paul II,
January 1, 1994

Finally, tomorrow is New Year's Day, when we tend to look at the past year and use it as a guide to set goals for ourselves in the coming year. In the context of these liturgical feast days, we ought to closely examine our faith and our growth in holiness and virtue. Think about how the way we spend our earthly time now will determine how we will spend our eternal time. No one is guaranteed tomorrow, so it is important to act as such. As the new year begins, think about your family and domestic church.



It is certainly not perfect and has its wounds, but what is God teaching you in the imperfections? How does the gift that Mary gave you, her Son, Jesus, in human flesh, help you understand your domestic church more deeply? How does Jesus' obedience to the law and the shedding of His blood encourage you to be more obedient to God's will and to sacrifice yourself for the good of others? And how does all of this shed new light on the meaningful peace this world desperately craves?



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FAITH FORMATION

Children | Youth | Adults



Christ in Our Neighborhood

Tuesday, January 16
6:00pm in Rooms 7-8-9

Calling all parents! *Christ in Our Neighborhood*, a lectionary-based discussion group for adults, is starting on Jan. 16. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to grow in your knowledge and love of Christ, as well as to learn about Scripture and spirituality while your children are in Faith Formation!

Please contact Rob if interested. You can learn more about Christ in Our Neighborhood at <https://dphx.org/christ-in-our-neighborhood>.



Childcare Volunteers Needed



Help babysit children ages 1-5 years old in the nursery during ministry events. Adults and teens are welcome to volunteer (teens may earn service hours).

Approximate time commitment: 2-3 hours a month. Contact Samantha in the Faith Formation Office if interested.

Aide Needed

Children's Faith Formation is still in need of an aide for the Tues. 4:15pm 2nd grade class.

Please contact Rob Curtis to help out.



MEN OF ST. JOSEPH

*A Ministry for the Men of
the Parish*

Our Mission: To strengthen and support the men of our parish by deepening our personal relationship with Jesus Christ through fellowship and catechesis.

Meeting Schedule

Wednesdays at 6:30pm
Rooms 7-8-9

Jan. 3 - Gender Ideology

Adoration

The Men of St. Joseph are blessed to take part in Perpetual Adoration by sitting with our Lord from midnight to 1:00am each Sunday. We rotate through our adorers, and are always looking to extend the invitation to others. Join us at one of our meetings, or contact Mark Porter at quantumfog@cox.net for more info.



SATURDAY MORNING "CAFÉ"

Essentials of the Catholic Faith

Presentations by Karen & Jack Henz
Certified Catechist Trainers from the Kino Institute

January 6 & 13 from 8:30am-12:30pm
February 3 & 10 from 8:30am-12:30pm

Rooms 7-8-9

Saturday morning "CAFÉ" classes continue for adult Catholics. All are invited to attend one or more upcoming classes on the *Catechism*.

- Jan. 6 & 13

Part 1 of the *Catechism* (1st Pillar)

- Do I really know: "Who is Jesus?" What has Jesus done for me, and why does this matter? How do we know that the early Church WAS the Catholic Church? (ESS 103)

- Feb. 3 & 10

Conclusion of Part 1 of the *Catechism* (1st Pillar)

- What is the Paschal Mystery? What does the Bible say about what we believe about Mary? What is the Catholic Church, and, what happens after we die? (ESS 104)

Please contact Karen: khenz2020@gmail.com or Jack: jfhenz@gmail.com by **Wednesday, Jan. 3 or Jan. 31** before the corresponding sessions that you are interested in attending. These classes are free and NO HOMEWORK is required!

WOMEN OF THE PARISH New Ministry Planning Sessions

Wed. Jan. 10 & Fri. Jan. 12

Join Fr. Rey and our Family Ministry office as we look to the future — building on the legacy of St. Gerard's Circle and responding to the current spiritual needs facing the women of our parish.



Starting in January and continuing through May, the Family Ministry office will host vision planning workshops. All women of the parish are invited to participate.

Workshops will include talks, small discussion groups, vision planning, and more. Prayerfully consider joining us at one of the following January sessions: Wed. January 10 from 6-8pm or Fri. January 12 from 10am-12pm.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Youth Free Throw Championship

Attention parents/guardians of and boys and girls ages 9 through 14. The 2024 Youth Free Throw Championship, held by the Knights of Columbus Council 10062, is coming on **Saturday, January 13**. Winning contestants from Corpus Christi will move on to the Regional Free Throw Championship in February at a site to be determined. Winning contestants at the Regional Championship will move on to the State Championship in March. Participants will receive certificates at the Parish Championship and medallions at the Regional and State Championships (if moving on). Registration forms can be found on kofc10062.org (you will need to copy and paste) or you may obtain a form by emailing JulTiritilli@gmail.com. All participants need to be registered by **January 12 at 5pm**. Forms may be scanned and emailed back or dropped off at the Parish Office. Forms without a parent or guardian's signature of consent will not be accepted. For further information, please call Deputy Grand Knight Julius Tiritilli at 480-250-2208. Thank you.



And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of
grace and truth; we have beheld His glory, glory as of the
only Son from the Father. (JN 1:14)

God gave the gift of His only Son to the
world. Partake in that gift to better
know His son, by living what Jesus has
asked of us, to be charitable.

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in Christmas.



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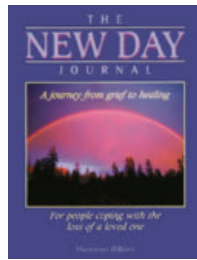
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Eduardo Alba

Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord and perpetual light shine upon him. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

*The New Day Journal –
A Journey from Grief to Healing*

Tuesdays

Optional Intro Session:
Jan. 23 at 10am in the Parish Center

Group Sessions: Jan. 30-March 19
10am-12pm, 8 sessions

The New Day Journal is a Christian-based grief process developed by Sr. Mauryeen O'Brien, OP for those grieving the death of a loved one. Participants will need to purchase their own copy of the book prior to the first session. The program is offered for free. Each week, participants will work through one element of grief using prayer, reflection, sharing, and journaling. They will complete some homework on their own in between sessions.

RSVP to Carol Pavlak at carol.pavlak@corpuschristiphx.org
or call the Parish Office.



Office of
Public Affairs

Statement of USCCB on Vatican's Document Addressing Pastoral Blessings

December 18, 2023

WASHINGTON - In response to the Declaration "*Fiducia supplicans*" issued by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith today, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) offered the following statement from its spokesperson, Chieko Noguchi, executive director of public affairs.

"The Declaration issued today by the Vatican's Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) articulated a distinction between liturgical (sacramental) blessings, and pastoral blessings, which may be given to persons who desire God's loving grace in their lives. The Church's teaching on marriage has not changed, and this declaration affirms that, while also making an effort to accompany people through the imparting of pastoral blessings because each of us needs God's healing love and mercy in our lives."

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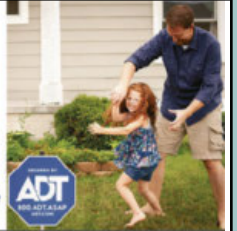
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ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

(7AM Mass)

***The shepherds went in haste, and found
Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.***

TODAY'S READINGS

The Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary, and Joseph

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RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 128

***Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.***

Blessed is everyone who fears the LORD,
who walks in his ways!
For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork;
blessed shall you be, and favored.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine
in the recesses of your home;
your children like olive plants
around your table.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD.
The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the
prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.

**R. Blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways.**

Therefore, if anyone is in
Christ, he is a new
creation. The old has
passed away; behold, the
new has come.

—2 Cor 5:17 (ESV)



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Thank You All!

You've made such a difference in so many ways! Whether you kept us in your prayers, volunteered, dropped off some of the thousands of items we received, or made a free-will donation by shopping during our annual event!

WE raised \$3,832!



The winners of the Gingerbread House Contest were: Vivian Barnett, Gabby De Losa, and the Sadauskas family! All three chose St. Vincent de Paul as their favorite charity to benefit, resulting in a \$300 donation. A \$500 donation was also made to our new Childcare Ministry.

TOGETHER, through our St. Vincent de Paul conference, we will be helping feed, house, and pay utilities for community members here in our parish and the surrounding area.

Have a Blessed Christmas Season and Happy New Year!

